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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS OECD

FOR CASAGRANDE, EUR/CE

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1. AUSTRIA ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO OECD AND PARTICIPATES ACTIVELY IN ITS ACTIVITIES TO THE EXTENT ITS LIMITED PERSONNEL RESOURCES PERMIT. FACT THAT IEA WAS CREATED WITHIN AN OECD CONTEXT WAS, WE BELIEVE, ONE OF CRUCIAL FACTORS IN AUSTRIAN DECISION TO JOIN IEA. AUSTRIA HAS ALSO ADHERED TO OECD FINANCIAL SUPPORT FUND. IMPORTANCE GOA ATTACHES TO OECD IS INDICATED BY FACT CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE RETAINS DIRECT AUTHORITY FOR COORDINATING AUSTRIAN ACTIVITIES AND POSITIONS WITHIN OECD. THIS COORDINATION IS UNDER PERSONAL SUPERVISION OF STATE SECRETARY VESELSKY, CLOSE CONFIDANT OF CHANCELLOR KREISKY. PRECISELY  
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BECAUSE COUNTRY IS SMALL, IT TENDS TO LOOK TO OECD

AS USEFUL FORUM IN WHICH TO OBTAIN VIEWS OF OTHER  
INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND STATE ITS OWN VIEWS.

2. GOA IS QUICK TO PUBLICIZE OECD REPORTS WHICH ARE  
COMPLIMENTARY TO AUSTRIA, SUCH AS GOOD MARKS OECD  
HAS GIVEN IN RECENT YEARS TO GOA'S MANAGEMENT OF THE  
ECONOMY. PRESTIGE OF OECD IS HIGH IN AUSTRIA, AND  
GOVERNMENT MAKES MAXIMUM POLITICAL CAPITAL OUT OF  
SUCH REPORTS.

3. THREE YEARS AGO AUSTRIA ACTIVELY SOUGHT MEMBERSHIP  
IN OECD WORKING PARTY 3 BUT HAS NOT RAISED THIS ISSUE  
WITH EMBASSY IN RECENT YEARS.

4. IN 1972 AUSTRIA FORMALLY CALLED FOR OECD TO UNDER-  
TAKE A CONCRETE COMMON ACTION PROGRAM AGAINST INFLATION.  
AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING STATE SECRETARY VESELSKY,  
HAVE OFTEN STRESSED IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS IMPORTANCE GOA  
ATTACHES TO OECD AS A VEHICLE TO COORDINATE AND HAR-  
MONIZE ECONOMIC, MONETARY AND TRADE POLICIES OF INDUS-  
TRIALIZED COUNTRIES. BUCHANAN

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